



The Knights Templar V

Continuation of Mystical Traditions

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Under the Surface History of the Templars



- Templars at a time when illness beset Christianity
 - Great Schism. Christendom split between East & West.
 - Roman families had put “their man” in as the pope
 - St. Francis arises to “rebuild my church” – penances sold, rich got best pews
 - Slaughter of the Heretics. Manichaeists, Persian Nestorians, Paulicians
 - Banning of the Aristotelians for being too close to the heretics
 - Ecumenical councils to define and dogmatize the faith and to justify the slaughter
 - Destruction of the Cathars (followed debates) 1020-1233
 - Rise of Dominicans and Inquisition. “First Crusade” was internal.
- Rise of the Templars as a healing force
 - Hugues de Payens was himself or was educated by Grail Knights
 - Council de Troyes 1128. Chretien de Troyes: *Perceval, the Story of the Grail* 1181-91
 - Templar craftsmen assured their freedom from religious and political powers
 - Devotion: to Mystery of Golgotha (mission: healing of Europe)
 - No longer my blood but Christ’s blood in me
 - Fearlessness and strength in battle (10% were battle worthy)
 - Military wing in middle east
- International banking, building/architecture, commerce, built roads
 - No famines in western Europe during the 200 years of Templar prominence
- Awakening of European Intelligence: Aristotelianism to Albertus Magnus to Thomas Aquinas and Roger Bacon
 - Some of Plato brought back earlier by Charlemagne - Chartres
 - Compare to Islamic Spain in 12th – 15th centuries

Knights Templar Secrets



- Wisdom, Beauty, Strength/Virtue
 - Astral, Life Body, Physical Body
- Templars freed:
 - The roads from thieves, seas from pirates, trade from tolls, craftsmen from being requisitioned, even freed serfs
- A whole new society likely would have resulted
 - Templars continued to reinvest its money because they could not benefit from it personally nor accumulate it
 - Templars were therefore a rival to the power of kings and church
- Initiation Process
 - 3 degrees of craftsman: apprentice, journeyman, master
 - Multiple levels (unknown). Begun with kissing one's hierophant and spitting on the image of the cross.

Chinon Parchment Absolves Knights



- Knights Templar confess to
 1. Kissing their hierophant
 2. Spitting on a statue of Jesus on the crossOther acts they deny once freed from torture
- **The Pope wrote:** “We hereby decree that **they are absolved** by the church and may again receive Christian sacraments.” Signor Forgione said that the Pope had failed to make this absolution public because the scandal of the Templars had aroused extreme passions and he feared a church schism. Philip IV had de Molay and other Templar leaders put to death before the Pope’s verdict could be published, and it was subsequently lost.
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/0,,2-252124,00.html>
- 700 years later: “The Roman Catholic Church graciously acknowledged that the Knights Templar were innocent yesterday (Vatican Information Service, 4th Oct). The news was reported in the press today, exactly seven days before the 700th anniversary of the persecution of the Order. The persecution of the Templars began on Friday, 13 October 1307, when the medieval organisation was unjustly attacked and driven underground.”
<http://www.theinsider.org/news/article.asp?id=2623>

Kissing the Hierophant

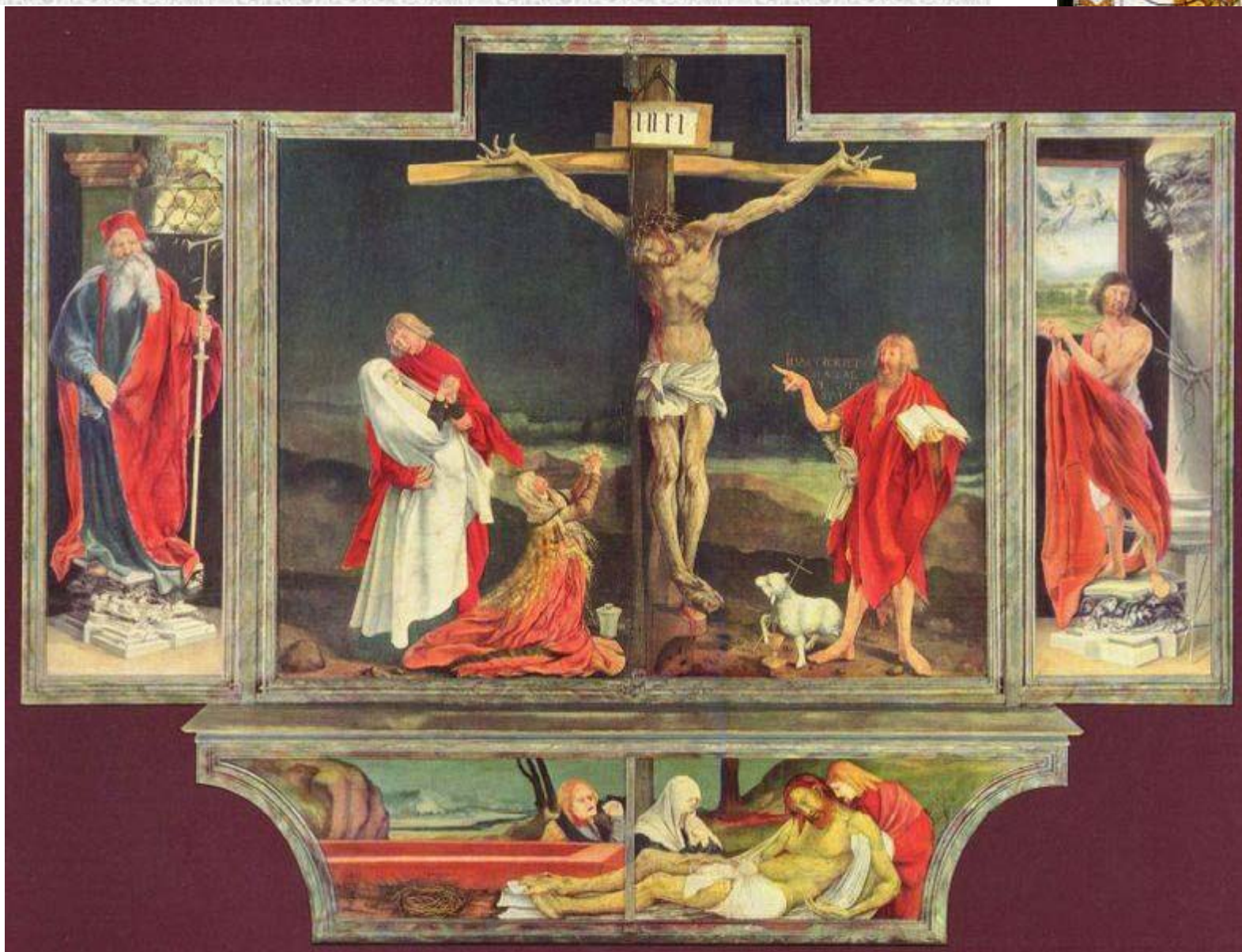


- Giotto
- The Kiss of Judas
- Gospel of Judas
- The Templar kissed his hierophant after initiation

Matthias Grünewald 1470-1528

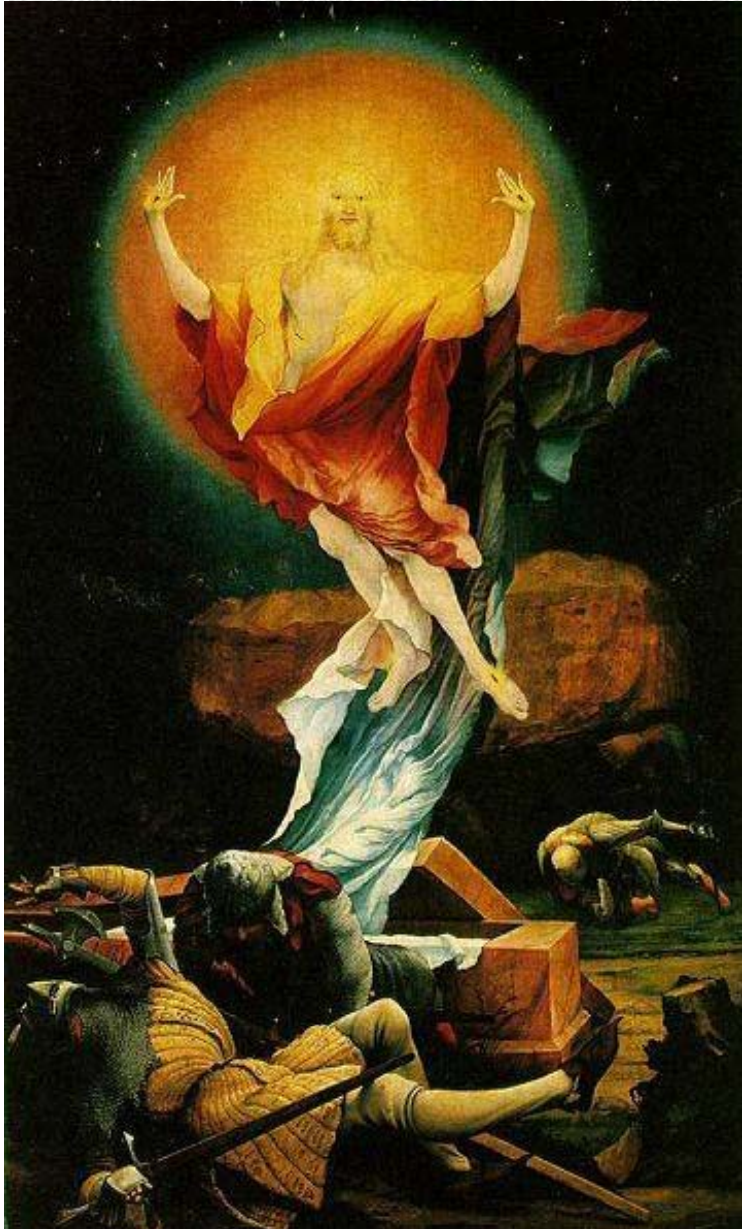


St. Anthony



St. Sebastian

Isenheim Alterpiece (c. 1512-1516)



- Living Cosmic Christ
- This depicts what the Knights Templar valued
- Wounds transformed
- Their mysteries about the uniting of the Cosmic Christ, the Sun Being, with the Earth
 - Christ, after 3 years, becomes Man
 - Blood of Christ flows into the Earth
 - Mankind can now unite with Christ
- “If He had not risen, then our faith is in vain”

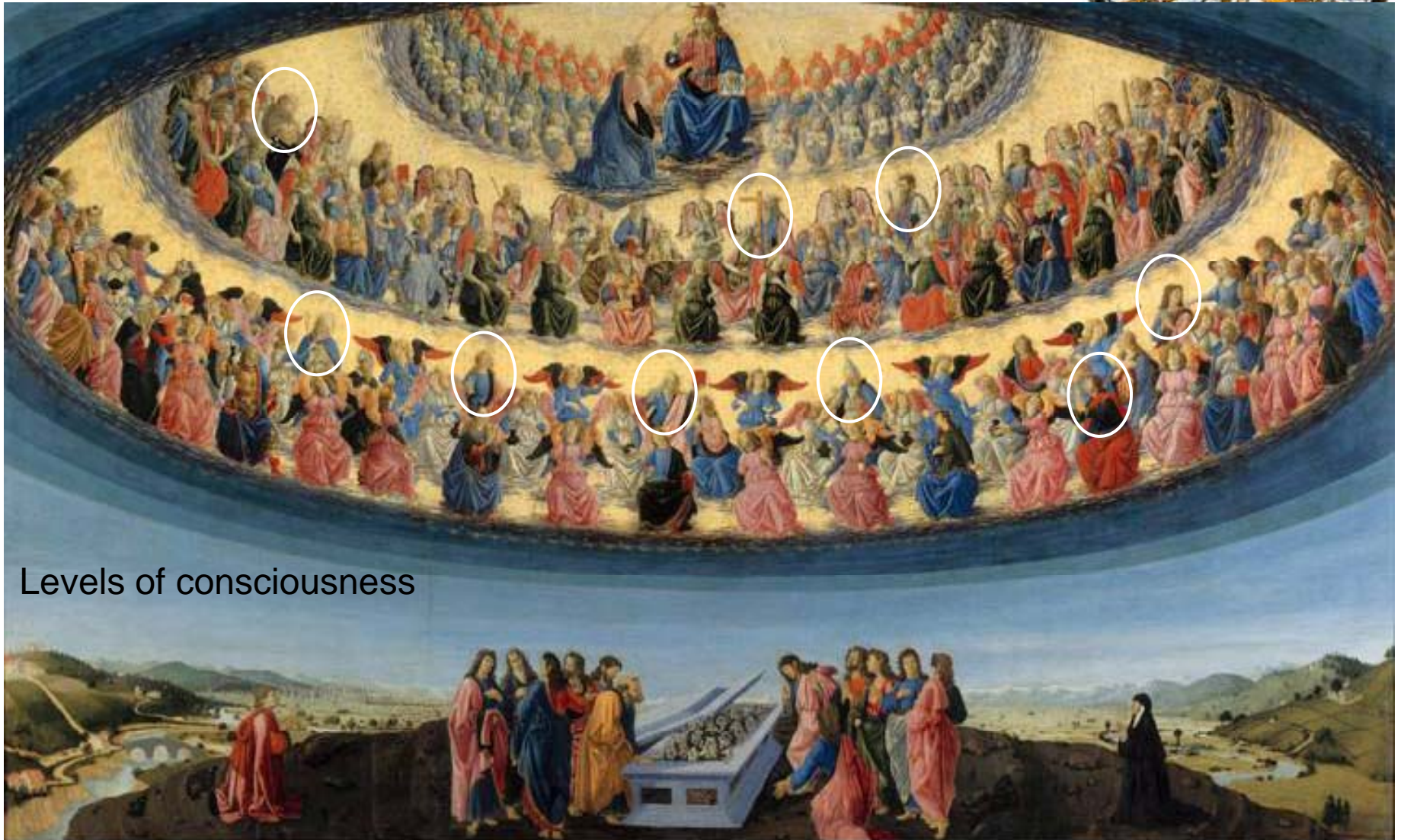


Understanding the Mystics and the Heretics

Exploring Esoteric Wisdom

Man Amongst the Nine Hierarchies

Three Hierarchies each with three sub-hierarchies = 9 levels



Levels of consciousness

Ascension of the Virgin, Francesco Botticini (1446-1497) Photo © The National Gallery London

Mystics' Conception of the Human



Far Future: Entirely From Human Self Development

- Atman
- Buddhi
- Manas
- Divine Ego

Spirit

Human Soul Principles Developed with the Hierarchies

- *Consciousness* – Dianoetikon
- Intellectual – Kinetikon
- Sentient – Orektikon
- Ego
- Astral – Aisthetikon
- Etheric – Threptikon
- Physical – Gaia

Soul

Body

Base Human Members

- Pneuma – Spirit
- Psyche – Soul
- Soma – Body

1 Thessalonians 5:23, Paul refers to human nature as consisting of body, soul, and spirit

Hierarchies and Man



- **First: Father / Willing**

- Seraphim Love
- Cherubim Harmony
- Thrones Will

- **Second: Son / Feeling**

- Kyriotetes Wisdom
- Dynamis Movement
- Exusiai / Elohim Form

- **Third: Holy Spirit / Thinking**

- Archai Personality/Age
- Archangel Folk/Groupings
- Angeli Messenger/Twilight

Human states of consciousness

1. Awake consciousness
2. Dream consciousness
3. Dreamless sleep consciousness

Soul activities

1. Thinking
2. Feeling
3. Willing

– Guardian Angel

3 Basic States of Consciousness



	In Earth Realm	Outside Earth
• Death	Physical	Etheric, Astral, Ego
• Sleep	Phys, Etheric	Astral, Ego
• Awake	Phys, Etheric, Astral, Ego	

Groups of 3



- The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
- Three pre-Earth conditions: Saturn, Sun, Moon
- Job's 3 friends
- Three temples in Jerusalem
 - Solomon's, Zerubbabel's, Herod's
- Three kingdom's of nature (mineral, plant, animal)
- 3 loaves given at midnight to one who journeys (Luke 11:5-8)
- 3 measures of flour that were hid to be leavened (Mat 13:33)

Mystery of The Lord's Prayer



Our Heavenly Father, thou art

- Thy name Be Hallowed
- Thy kingdom Come
- Thy will Be done

- Deliver us from Evil
- Lead us not into Temptation
- Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors
- Give us this day our Daily Bread

As it is in the Heavens

So also on the Earth

**3 Fold Soul: Thinking,
Feeling, & Willing**

**4 Fold Human: Physical, Life,
Astral, & Ego**

“And the Word became flesh”

And the flesh becomes Word

Understanding Greek and Gnostic Views



The Human Ego (lower): spirit-like qualities

- Willing (soul) operates between ego and astral

The Human Body consists of three:

- Astral: multiple dualities, seat of consciousness, spiritual organs
 - Feeling (soul) operates between astral and etheric
- Etheric: comprised four Ethers (warmth, light, chemical, life), habits
 - Thinking (soul) operates between etheric and physical
- Physical: with four Elements
 - Tradition Earth Water Air Fire
 - Greek Earth Water Air Fire
 - Latin Earth Water Air Fire
 - Hindu Earth Water Air Fire
 - Buddhist Earth Water Air Fire
 - Japanese Earth Water Wind Fire
- Plato: Reality is in the Idea. Idea is a real living being
 - Goethe: archetypal form

Human in Relation to Nature

- Human – creative spirit within, the “I am”
 - Head in heavens, feet on the ground, arms free
 - Backbone vertical
- Animal – life and soul within, no spirit
 - Head on earth plane, feet on earth, tail or trunk in free movement
 - Backbone horizontal
- Plant – life within, no soul
 - Head in the earth, limbs lifted up - horizontal
 - Trunk vertical
- Mineral – material, no life within



What is Man? Microcosm of the Macrocosm



- David's question, "What is Man?" (Psalms)
- Delphi entrance "Oh Man, Know Yourself"
- The without should kindle self-knowledge; the within should teach knowledge of the world

Here lies true spiritual insight into existence and the impulse to real human love



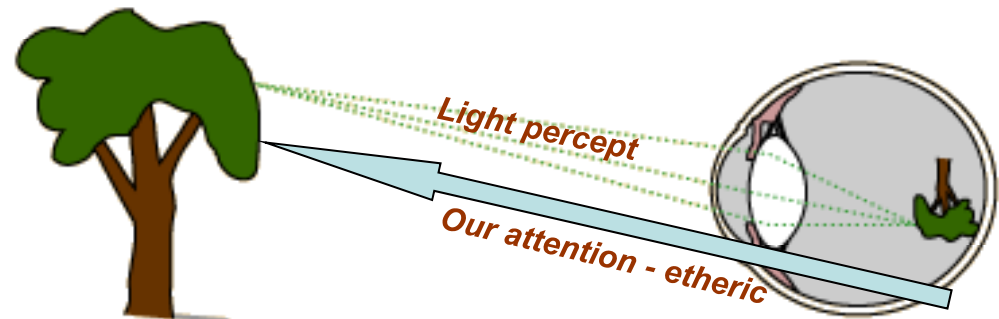
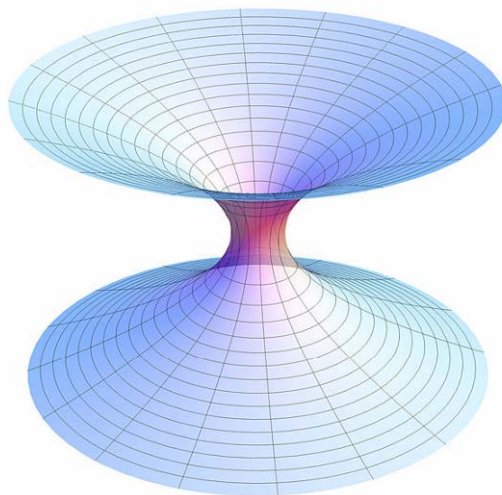
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Consciously Crossing a Threshold

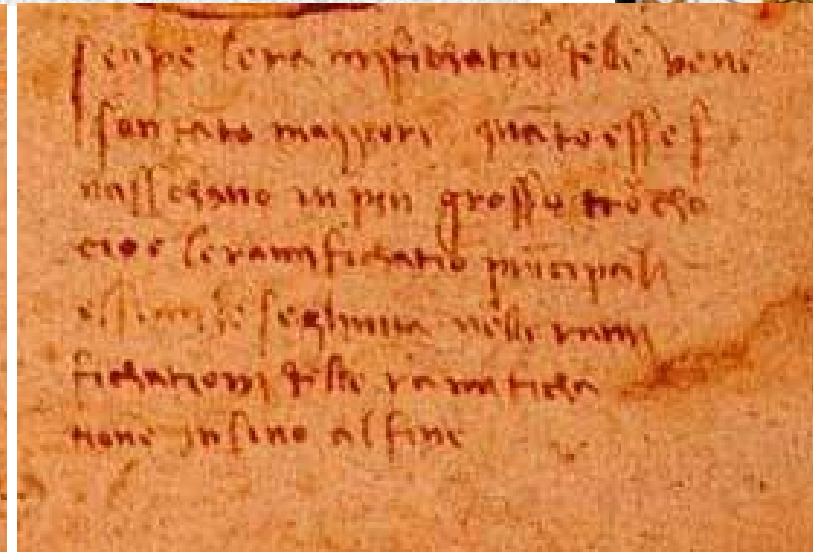
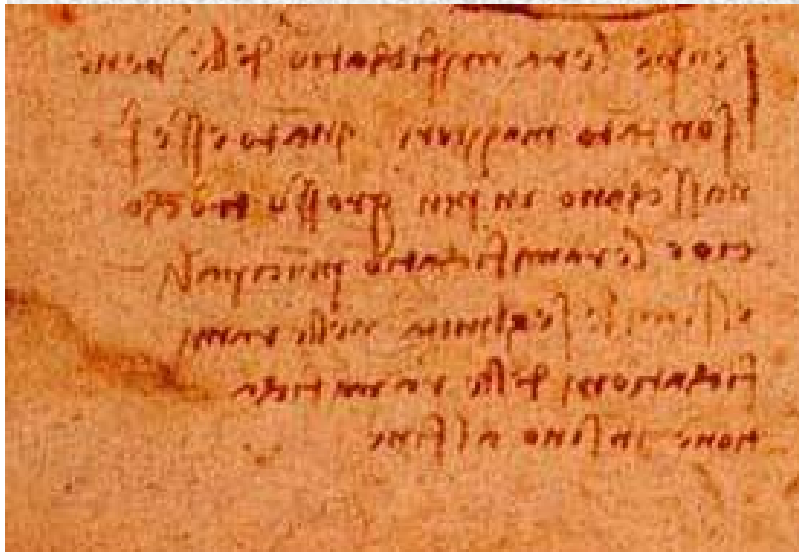


- Passing through the eye of a needle
 - What do you rely on for consciousness? Rich man analogy.
 - Develop sense-free thinking
- Spiritual perception similar to an eye or camera
- Physical to Etheric
 - Things mirror-image, like a glove inside-out
 - Vortex



Through the Looking Glass

Mirror Writing – What was this about?



- Practice for what one encounters in the Astral World
 - Time: Conclusion first, then the sequence that led to conclusion
 - Sequence: End first, then sequence to start
 - Number 7936 appears as 6397 (mirror)
- Exercise: before sleep, review the day in reverse
 - Food returns to the plate and then to the stove
 - Impressions flow back to their source

Rosicrucian Symbolism



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- From Israel Regardie's book, *The Complete Golden Dawn System of Magic*
- Guardian of the Threshold
 - Found at the Abyss of Being
 - “What we do here in the Below, affects the Above and vice versa. Thus to enter the tomb is to enter another dimension and to take an initiation. How do we enter the tomb? By finding the Doorkeeper. He will test us and if we pass the test, he will give us the key.” from www.crcsite.org/tomb

Plato's Republic



- Three principles of the human soul
 - Thinking, feeling, and willing
 - Rational, Love/Desire, Deed Doer/Passion
 - Three Soul principles reflected in the functions of the State
 - Spirit aligned with third Soul principle
- “[soul] immortality is demonstrated by the previous argument, and there are many other proofs; but to see her as she really is, not as we now behold her, marred by communion with the body and other miseries, you must contemplate her with the eye of reason, in her original purity; and then her beauty will be revealed”
- “the soul which cannot be destroyed by an evil, whether inherent or external, must exist for ever, and if existing for ever, must be immortal”
- “the soul, when choosing a new life, must of necessity become different”
- And all coming to birth drink from “the river of Unmindfulness”

The Legend of the Battle of Dark & Light



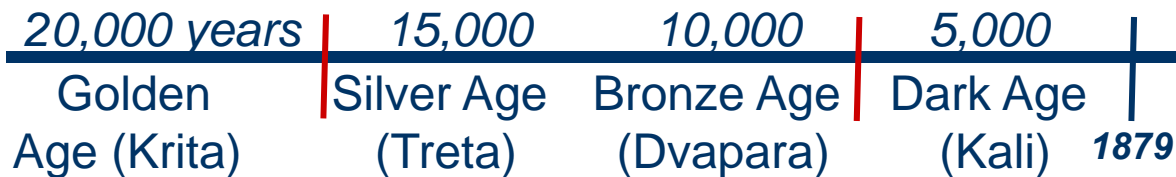
This is the Gnostic view of the Mission / Meaning of Humankind

- The Spirits of Darkness wished to storm the Kingdom of Light. They came to its borders for the attack. They were, however, able to achieve nothing. Now they were to be punished by the Kingdom of Light. But in the Kingdom of Light there is only good. Thus the Demons of Darkness could only have been punished through good. Therefore the Spirits of the Kingdom of Light took a portion of their own kingdom and mingled it into the Kingdom of Darkness.
- Thereby a **leaven**, so to speak, came into the Kingdom of Darkness and a kind of vortex arose. Death became pulled into the vortex, whereby it consumed itself. It now carried within itself the seed of its own destruction. There then arose from the Kingdom of Light the Archetypal Man of the human race ***who must mingle with the Kingdom of Darkness and overcome it.***
- Prologue to John's Gospel: "the Light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not"
- Paul: "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light"

Understanding Greek and Gnostic Views



Interaction with the Spiritual World diminishes →



- Earth and life on it has been evolving, solidifying, hardening
 - Seraphim commands (Is 6, 9-11) humanity to enter the age of "the valley of the shadow of death" (Ps 23,4; Lk 1,79; cf. Ezek 37)
 - It becomes necessary to write down what had previously been only spoken word
- Spiritual life and the beings found there constituted reality
- Physical world is not the reality; rather it is semblance, "Maya", corrupt
- Reality is full of beings, above *and below* the human level
- Reality was created by a hierarchy of gods who had led humanity but had gradually withdrawn – their work completed.
 - Twilight of the Gods
- Crisis arises (around 800BC): how to know what to do, where to go?
 - Temples closing. Initiation failing. (After twilight comes darkness)
 - Knowledge of reincarnation vanishing. Most of wisdom not written, rather oral (and secret) tradition. (e.g. Grimm Fairy Tales)
- Response: Grasp the knowledge – learning centers (Alexander)
 - Intellectual Soul period (747 BC – 1413 AD) begins

Daedalus: Dualism & Mithraism



- Daedalus was imprisoned on the island with his son Icarus. Daedalus, *the master craftsman*, was imprisoned because it was he who built the faux cow for the queen [soul] Pasiphae to climb into such that she could copulate with the bull [Taurus].
- Daedalus attempts to escape his prison, the Labyrinth, in which he was imprisoned at the hands of King Minos of Crete [brain-bound thinker], son of Zeus and Europa. [note: Menes, Manas, Manes, Minos variations]
 - The Labyrinth's original purpose was intended to hold Minotaur [Minos + Taurus] who has a man's body but a bull's head. The defeated Greeks are obliged to send annually 7 male youths and 7 maidens to be fed to Minotaur. Ariadne provides Theseus with a thread to escape the labyrinth after killing Minotaur.

Daedalus: Dualism & Mithraism



- Daedalus fashioned a pair of wings for himself and his son, made of feathers and wax. Before they took off from the prison, Daedalus warned his son [future human] to fly neither:
 - Too close to the sun, as the wax would melt, nor
 - Too close to the sea, as the feathers would become sodden
- *‘Let me warn you, Icarus, to take the middle way. Travel between the extremes.’*
- Overcome by the sublime feeling that flying gave him, Icarus soared through the sky joyfully [‘drawn by desire for the heavens’], but in the process he came too close to the sun, which melted his wings. Icarus’ body fell into the sea.

} Duality

[Lucifer pulls our soul to him leaving the body to Ahriman]
Illuminates the Greek Soul about 800 BC with its picture-thinking wisdom. Human soul needs wings to cross from the prison of the body to spirit-land





Christ and Jesus

Could the Divine Enter Corrupt Matter?

Combining the Jesus of Luke and Matthew



- St. Ambroglio altarpiece, attributed to Giovanni M...
 - But Leonardo Da Vinci...
- Secret could not be re...
 - By Rudolf Steiner
- Dead Sea Scroll (Ess...
 - Damascus Document



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Name change: Jacob to Israel
God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

<http://www.occultresearch.com/Occult%20Christological%20Research/weretheretwo.htm>

Depicting how both Jesus' 4-fold beings merge



Reproduction by Depatie Bros for monastery



*Luke story: Matthew story:
Priest-Abel King-Cain*



Baptism & Initiation

Initiation: A Multi-Stage Process



- Pre-Christian, administered by Hierophant
 - Mithraism had 7 stages
- Indian Yoga, administered by Guru
 - Devotion & 6 pre-conditions, 7 stages to intuitive receptivity
- Christian, Christ is the goal and guide (Templars)
 - Faith & 6 pre-conditions, 7 steps from washing the feet to perfect godliness
 - Facing temptations and coming to know your higher self
- Rosicrucian, Teacher-advisor (self mastery)
 - Free Will & pre-conditions, 7 steps
 - Self knowledge is knowledge of the World

Mithras: Overcoming the Bull



- Grows out of Persia, Zoroastrianism, 1st century
- Known as the Mysteries of Mithras
 - mystery religion sworn to secrecy. Nothing could be written down
- Mithra serves as mediator
 - Between Ahura Mazda and the Human
 - Sun God Who Was Coming to Earth
- Strong astrological beliefs
- Overcoming the Bull (Taurus)
 - Bull fights in Spain
 - Make way for the Lamb (Aries) 800 BC

7 Stages of Initiation

1. Corax: The Raven (*Mercury*)
2. Nymphus: The Bridegroom (*Venus*)
3. Miles: The Warrior (*Mars*)
4. Leo: The Lion (*Jupiter*)
5. Perses: The Persian (*Moon*)
6. Heliodromus: The Messenger (*Sun*)
7. Pater: The Father (*Saturn*)



Initiation: General Remarks



- Initiates led tribes, ethnic groups
 - Intermediary between a people and their folk-spirit (god)
- Before Christ:
 - Hierophant placed the elect into a death-like sleep
 - Life body (etheric body) leaves with Astral body and Ego
 - Spiritual organs (chakras) opened in Astral body
 - Lasted 3 days within the Holy of the Holies
 - Elect has a guide who shows spirit-land and explains the relationship of spirit to matter, of beings to things, of macrocosm to microcosm (human)
 - Afterwards the elect becomes a perfect; takes on a new name
 - When cardinal becomes pope, he takes on a new name – similar
- Baptism (immersion) – Life body lifted out of physical briefly
 - Meant as purification for later initiation
- After Christ:
 - Lazarus and Paul (formerly Saul) done in public
 - Gospel writers and others early Christians were Perfects – i.e. Initiates

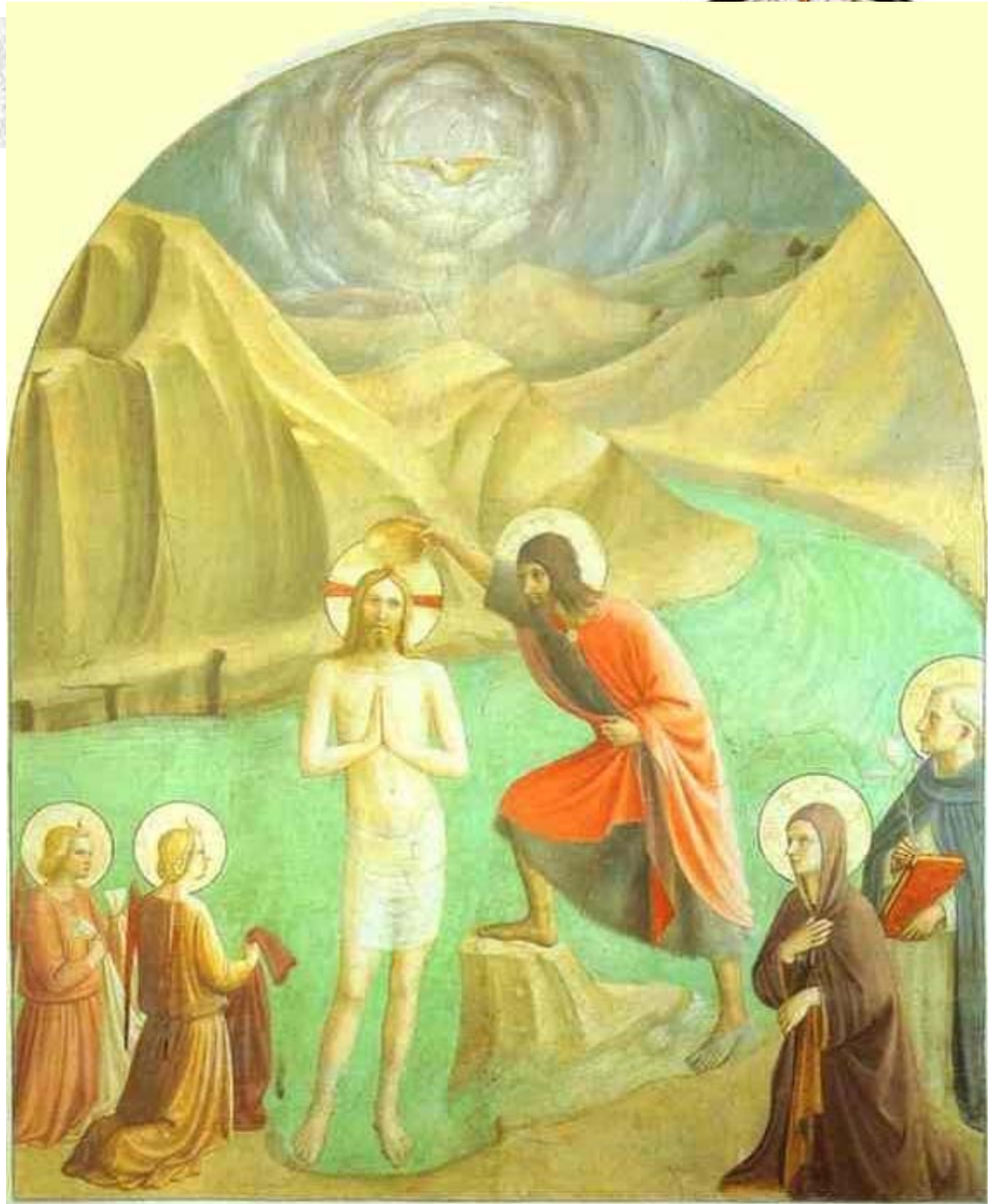
What Does [John's] Baptism Mean?



- Who was John?
 - Messiah would not come until Elijah reincarnates (this is John)
 - See Mark 9:11-13 and Matthew 17:10-13 & 27:47
 - John: a Voice crying in the wilderness “Make straight the way for the Lord.”
 - Christ is the Word, the Logos
 - The witness of Christ sent by God
- What relationship does John have to Jesus? To Christ?
 - Luke’s story: Mary visits Elizabeth, John leaps in the womb
 - Grunewald’s Crucifixion: “He must increase; I must decrease”
 - John as the height and the last of old Man – Jesus as vessel for new
- Water to cleanse – the purification of the soul to receive the divine I Am (Ego)
 - He [Christ] will cleanse with Fire (Divine Ego)
- Submerged until near drowning to loosen the etheric, astral, and ego from physical body
 - Afterwards dim spiritual awareness continues allowing one to see what to purify
 - For Jesus, the dove descends and **remains upon him**
 - For the heretics & mystics, this is when Jesus becomes Jesus-Christ
- John is arrested and later beheaded (“on a silver platter”)
 - John’s spirit remains with Christ and his disciples to continue the witnessing

Fra Angelico, c.1441

- Baptism of Christ
- Two angels
- St. Francis (Franciscans) and St. Dominic(ans)
- "No sooner had Jesus been baptized and come up out of the water than the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit from God descending like a dove to alight on him. And there came a voice from heaven saying, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I take delight.' (Matthew 3:16-17).



Arian Baptistry in Ravenna, Italy. 5th Century



Right to left:

- John the Baptist,
- Jesus receiving the Spirit (Dove)
- God of the Jordan River

Circled by 12 Apostles

Built by Ostrogoth King Theodoric the Great

What Happens at Jesus' Baptism?



- What was common to all paintings?
 - Dove (Logos) descends and remains with Jesus
- Mystic perspective
 - Zarathrustra Ego sacrifices his members for Christ, the Logos
 - Earlier he had sacrificed his members to enter Luke-Jesus
 - Jesus becomes Jesus Christ whose incarnation is consummated
- Birth of the Son of God, God *becoming* Man
 - Christ refers to himself as the “Son of Man”
 - Now will the spirit penetrate the body all the way to the bones
 - Thus, no bones were broken during these 3 years
 - Suffering death will complete God becoming Man
- Mark and John begin with baptism (not birth)
 - Luke genealogy *after* baptism, Matthew before
 - Luke genealogy (and gospel for humanity) makes sense only by going all the way back to Adam
 - Matthew writes for the Jews, hence to “our father, Abraham”



Christian Initiation

Lazarus and Paul
Templar
Rosicrucian

Giotto (1267-1337), Raising of Lazarus



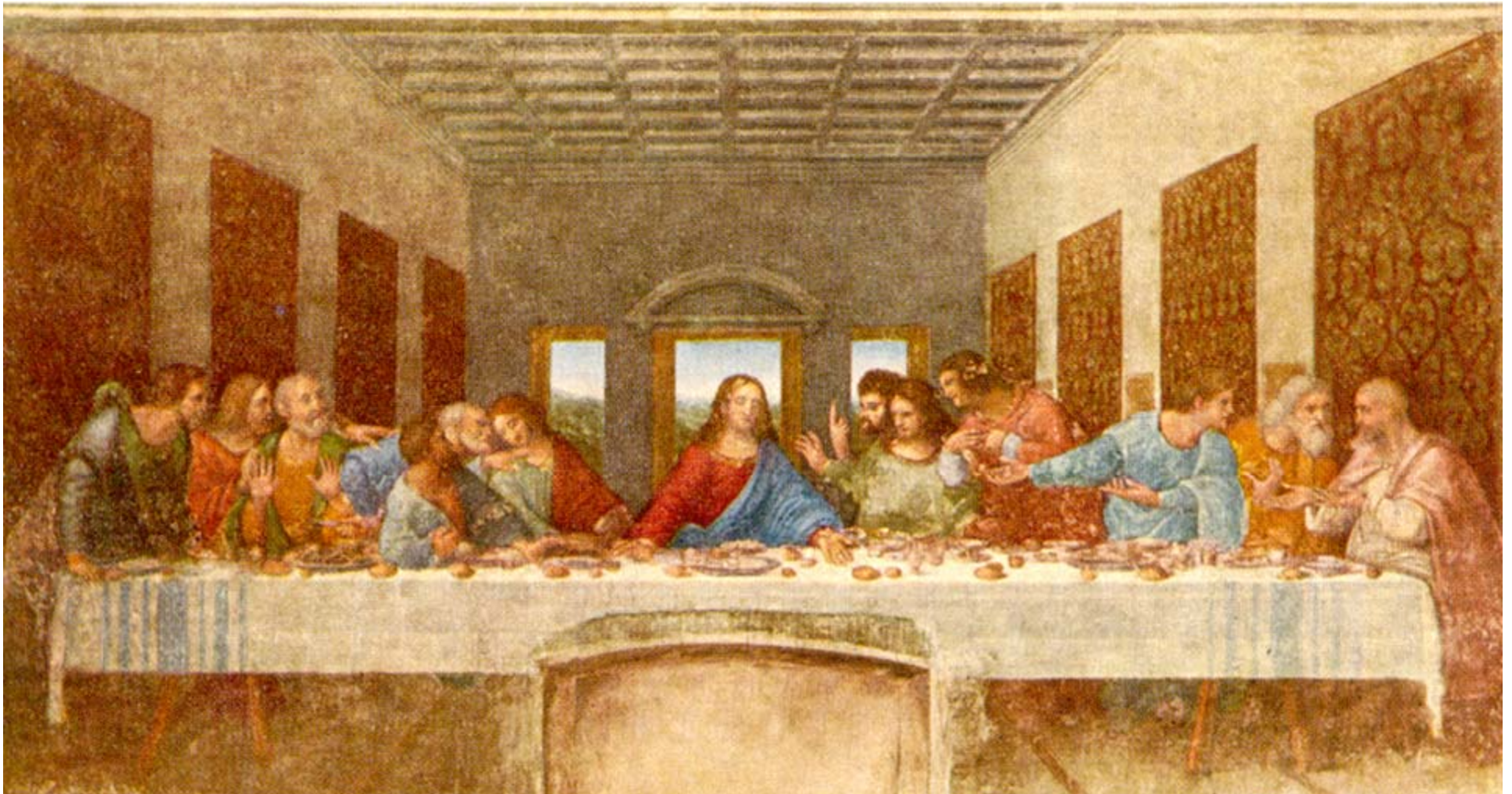
Who was Lazarus? What Happens to Him?



- Brother of Mary and Martha
- Tax collector, young man
- Lazarus is publicly initiated by Christ *John 11:43-44*
 - Lies as if dead for 3 days. Thomas asks if they too could experience.
 - “This illness is not unto death” *John 11:4*, “he stayed 2 days longer” *John 11:6*
 - “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him out of sleep” *11:11*
 - “Lazarus is dead ... but let us go to him” *John 11:14-15*
 - “Lazarus, come forth” *John 11:43*
 - Prior, one being initiated found Christ in Sun Sphere (spiritually)
 - Initiate changes name afterwards
 - Lazarus changes his name to John, becomes John the Evangelist
 - Not to be confused with John Zebedee, the other John disciple
 - Higher members developed during initiation and afterwards
 - Easter Sunday Evening: *John 20:19-23* “he breathed on them and said to them ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’ [the divine I AM]”
 - Becomes the disciple whom the Lord loved (agape)
 - [John 21:21-22] Peter, surprised that Christ has chosen him to lead His church and not John, asks Christ “what about him?” Christ answers “What is it to you that I have him remain until the time I come again?” *When is this time to be that is foretold?*

Last Supper “Touched Up”

- John is meant to be androgynous – as is Christ
 - Embodiment of male & female



Dan Brown and the Rose Line



- Sang Real – Royal Blood
 - Brown’s theory: Mary Magdalene had a child from Jesus
- Blood of Christ: “This is my blood”
 - Christ overcomes the blood lines – no longer is heredity important
 - Each person can become his/her own king, priest, and healer
 - Love all without regard to the blood line
 - Blood as bearer of the Ego, Divine Ego, flows into the Earth
 - Earth to become a star, a star illuminated by the 10th hierarchy
- Symbol of the Rose
 - Green sap rises, transforms into blood red – chaste, passionless
 - When our blood unites with blood of Christ it is like red rose sap
 - Rose Cross (Rosicrucian mysteries)
 - Black cross, symbolic of our materialism, out of which grows roses
 - In Christos Morimor (In Christ we die)



Reincarnation

"Never was there a time when I did not exist, nor you, nor all these kings; nor in the future shall any of us cease to be. As the embodied soul continuously passes, in this body, from boyhood to youth to old age, the soul similarly will pass into another body after death. A sober person is not bewildered by such a change."

Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 2, texts 12-13

Reincarnation: From the Book of Job



“Then the Lord answered Job out of the *whirlwind*:

- Where were you when I laid the foundation of the Earth
- When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
- Have the gates of death been revealed to you?
- Where is the way to the dwelling of **Light**, and where is the place of **Darkness** that you may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home?
- You know, for you were born then and the number of your days is great!”

Reincarnation gives expanded meaning. Job is the story about Humankind’s soul.

Biblical References to Reincarnation



- The Man born Blind
- John the Baptist as reincarnation of Elijah
- Hebrews 9:27 “It is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes the judgement”
- Hebrews 10:1 [Mosaic Law as] “but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities.”
- Marriage at Cana – Wine
- Last Supper – Wine & Blood
- Wine as instrument for forgetfulness of past lives
 - See also Plato’s Republic
 - 2000 year period

Why?

- Development of Human Freedom



Fra Angelico, 1395 – 1455



- Touch me not (noli me tangere)
 - A process underway
 - Would touch affect Christ or Mary or both?
 - Think back to the heretics
 - matter is corrupted
 - Mary is the first one to experience the Risen Christ
 - What was done is available to all mankind – the future



Summary

Continuation of Metaphysical Traditions



- Enlightened our Founding Fathers
 - Impetus for efforts to create a new societal order
- What was once a mystery secret is later known
- Secret societies today?
- Could the metaphysical sciences help enlighten our efforts today to create a better world?
- Could it help us relearn “E Pluribus Unum”—“Out of Many, One” by creating a true unity in diversity?
- Can we allow the All Seeing Eye of Spirit to guide our individual and national life as our Founding Fathers did?

Knights Templars, Lecture Closing



It is all about Deeds that transform

- Not for them or for me but for the future
- Wisdom driven
- Beautiful to experience
- Striven for in virtue with soul strength

I feel my fate. My fate finds me.

I feel my star. My star finds me.

I feel my goals. My goals find me.

My soul and the World are one.

Life grows more radiant around me,

Life becomes more difficult for me,

Life becomes richer within me.

Rudolf Steiner from "Truth Wrought Word"

What Would It Be Like If Templars Failed?





Q & A

Known Mystics



1st Century

- Paul the Apostle (? –c. 66);
- John the Baptist;
- John the Apostle (? –c.100);
- Peter the Apostle;

2nd Century

- Marcion of Sinope (c.110-160);
- Clement of Alexandria (c.150-216);
- Origen (c.185-253);
- Basilides (2nd c);
- Valentinus (c.100–c.160);
- Heracleon (2nd c);
- Hermas (freedman) (2nd c);
- John of Patmos (2nd c);
- Cave of the Apocalypse
- Numenius of Apamea (2nd c);

3rd Century

- Mani (210-276);
- Athanasius of Alexandria (c.293–373);
- Iamblichus (d.c.330);
- The Hymn of the Pearl(c.3rd c);

4th Century

- Macarius of Egypt(c.300-90);
- Ephraem of Syria (c.306-73);
- Basil the Great (c.329-79), aka Basil of Caesarea;
- Augustine of Hippo (c.354–430);
- Priscillian of Ávila (d. 385);
- Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389);
- Evagrius Ponticus (345–399);
- John Chrysostom (c.347–407);
- John of Lycopolis (d.c.394);
- Gregory of Nyssa (c.340-94);
- Evagrius Ponticus (346-99);
- John Cassian (c.360-434);

5th Century

6th Century

- Book of the Holy Hierotheos (c.500);
- Gregory I "The Great" (c.540-604);
- John Climacus (525–606);
- Maximus the Confessor (c.580-662);
- Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite (5th-6th c), aka Pseudo-Dionysius, aka St. Denys;
- Julianus pomerius (6th c);

7th Century

- Isaac of Nineveh (7th c);
- Anastasius Sinaita (7th c);

8th Century

- Adalbert (8th c);

9th Century

- **Johannes Scotus Eriugena** (c.810-77);
- Liutberga of Wendhausen (d.860?);
- RATHERIUS OF VERONA (890-974);
- Smaragdus (9th c);

10th Century

- Symeon the New Theologian (949-1022) aka Symeon of Studion;
- William of Volpiano (962-1031);
- Gregory of Narek (951-1003);
- Bogomils (c. 950-14th c);
- Wiborada (d. 926);

Known Mystics



11th Century

- Gundolfo (teaching in 1024);
- Bruno of Cologne (c.1032-1101);
- Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109);
- Hugh of St Victor (c.1078-1141), aka Hugh the Saxon
- William of St. Thierry (c.1085-1148);
- **Bernard of Clairvaux** (1090-1153);
- Henry of Lausanne (d.c. 1148), aka Henry the Monk
- Christina of Markyate (1097-1161)
- **Hildegard of Bingen** (1098-1179);
- Cathars (11th to 14th century);

12th Century

- Peter Lombard (c.1100-1160);
- Aelred or Ailred of Rievaulx (1110-1167);
- Peter of Bruys (1117–c.1131);
- Alain de Lille (c. 1128-1202);
- Elizabeth of Schonau (1129-1164);
- Joachim of Fiore (c.1131-1202);
- Peter Waldo (c.1140-1218);
- Adam of St. Victor (d.1146);
- Thierry of Chartres (d.c.1150);
- Hadewijch of Antwerp (c.1150-1200);
- Christina the Astonishing (1150–1224);
- Yvette of Huy (1158-1228);
- David of Dinant (c.1160-1217);
- Richard of St. Victor (d. 1173);
- Waldensians (c.1177-1532);
- Edmund Rich (c.1180-1240);
- Francis of Assisi (1181-1226);
- Lutgardis (1182–1246);
- Clare of Assisi (1194-1253);
- Anthony of Padua (1195-1231);
- Amaury de Montfort (1195-1241);
- Ida of Nivelles (c.1199-1231);
- Marie of Oignies (d.1213);
- Alice of Schaerbeek (d.1250);

13th Century

- Thomas Gallus (c.1200-1246);
- David of Augsburg (c.1200-1272);
- Albertus Magnus (1200-1280);
- Brethren of the Free Spirit (c.1200);
- Amalric of Bena (died c. 1204-1207), aka Amaury de Bène or Amaury de Chartres; aka Almaricus, Amalricus, Amauricus;
- Mechthild of Magdeburg (1210-1285 or 1295);
- Douceline of Provence (1214-1274);
- Margaret of Ypres (1216-1237);
- Bonaventure of Bagnoregio (1221-1274);
- **Thomas Aquinas** (c.1225-1274);
- Jacopone da Todi (c.1230-1306);
- Ramon Lull (c.1232-1315);
- Marguerite d'Oingt (of Mionnay) (c.1240-1306/1310);
- Mechthilde of Hackeborn (1241-1299);
- Christina von Stommeln (1242-1312);
- Angela of Foligno (1248–1309);
- Gertrude the Great (1256-1302), aka Gertrude of Helfta;
- Juliana of Cornillon (d.1258);
- Ida of Leeuw (d.1260);
- **Meister Eckhart** (1260-1328);
- Eve of St. Martin (d.1265);
- Beatrice of Nazareth (d.1268);
- Christina Ebner (1277-1355);
- Richard Rolle (c. 1290-1349);
- Margareta Ebner (1291-1351);
- John of Ruysbroeck (1293-1381);
- Gregory Palamas (c.1296-1359);
- Henry Suso (c.1296-1366);
- Ida of Louvain (d.1300);
- Marguerite Porete (of Hainaut) (d.1310) ;
- Christine of Stommeln (d.1312);
- Elizabeth of Spalbeek (d.1316);
- Gertrude of Oosten (d.1358);
- Dorothea of Prussia (13th c);
- The Ancrene Rule (13th c);
- Beguines and Beghards (13th c);

Known Mystics



14th Century

- Richard Rolle (c.1300-49);
- **Johannes Tauler** (c.1300-1361);
- **Henry Suso** (c.1300-1366);
- Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373);
- Rulman Merswin (c.1307-82);
- Nicholas of Basel (1308-1397);
- William Langland (c. 1330-1400);
- Geert Groote (1340-84);
- Walter Hilton (d.1396);
- Julian of Norwich (1342-1416);
- Author of The Cloud of Unknowing(c.1345-1386);
- Catherine of Siena (1347-1380);
- Book of the Nine Rocks (c.1351);
- Hendrik Mandé (c.1360-1431);
- Jean le Charlier de Gerson (1363-1429);
- Gerard Zerbolt of Zutphen (1367-1398);
- Margery Kempe (1373-1438);
- Gerlac Peterson (1378-1411);
- Lydwine of Schiedam (1380-1432);
- Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471);
- Nicholas Cabasilas (14th c);
- Nicholas of Strasburg (14th c);
- Henry of Norlingen (14th c);
- Friends of God (14th c);
- Theologia Germanica (late 14th c);

15th Century

- **Nicholas of Cusa** (1401-1464);
- Denys of Rykel (1402-1471), aka Denis the Carthusian;
- Hendrik Herp (c. 1410-1477)
- Joan of Arc (1412-1431);
- Alain de la Roche (1428-1475);
- Columba Rieti (c.1430-1501);
- Catherine of Genoa (1447-1510);
- Osanna Andreasi of Mantua (1449-1505);
- Richard Methley (b.1451);
- Garcia de Cisneros (c.1456-1510);
- Hans Böhm (d.1476);
- Bernardino de Laredo (1482-1540);
- La Beata de Piedrahita (c.1485—1524);
- Balthasar Hubmaier (c.1485-1528);
- Catherine of Racconigi (1487–1574);
- Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556);
- Thomas Munzer (c.1490-1525);
- Paracelsus (1493-1541);
- Osanna of Cattaro (1493-1565);
- Hans Denck (c.1495-1527);
- Battista Vernazza (1497-1587);
- Sebastian Franck (1499-1542);
- Peter of Alcantara (1499-1562);
- Nicholas Storch (d. 1525);
- Francisco de Osuna (d.c.1540);
- Lucia of Narni (15th c);
- John Norton (15th c);

Known Mystics



16th Century

- Juan of Avila (1500-1569);
- Alfonso de Orozco (1500-1591);
- David Jorus (c.1501-1556);
- Hendrik Niclaes (c.1501-1580);
- Luis de Granada (1504-1588);
- Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) aka Teresa of Jesus;
- Philip Neri (1515-1595);
- Catherine de Ricci (1522-1590);
- Diego de Estella (1524-1578);
- Luis de Leon (1528-1591);
- Juan de los Angeles (1536-1609);
- John of the Cross (1542-1591);
- Martin Moller (1547-1606);
- Giordano Bruno (1548-1600);
- Benet of Canfield (1562-1610);
- Thomas a Jesu (1564-1627);
- Maria Magdalena de'Pazzi (1566-1607);
- Madame Acarie (1566-1618);
- François de Sales (1567-1622);
- Joseph Hall (1574-1656);

16th Century (continued)

- **Jakob Böhme** (1575-1624);
- Pierre de Berulle (1575-1629);
- Augustine Baker (1575-1641);
- Joseph Leclerc du Tremblay (1577-1638);
- Rose of Lima (1586-1617);
- Louis Lallemant (1587-1635);
- Charles de Condren (1588-1641);
- Angelique Arnauld (1591-1661);
- Nicholas Ferrar (1592-1637);
- George Herbert (1593-1633);
- Agnes Arnauld (1593-1671);
- Marie of the Incarnation (1599-1672);
- Louis de Blois (16th c);
- Los Alumbrados (16th c);
- Francisco de Osuna (16th c);
- Bernardino de Laredo (16th c);
- Bernabe de Palma (16th c);
- Isabel de la Cruz (16th c);
- Pedro de Alcaraz (16th c);

Known Mystics



17th Century

- Jean Joseph Surin (1600-65);
- John Eudes (1601-80);
- María de Agreda (1602-1665) aka Maria of Jesus, aka Blue Nun;
- Thomas Browne (1605-1682);
- Dame Gertrude More (1606-33);
- John Pordage (1607-1681);
- Jean-Jaques Olier (1608-1657);
- John Reeve (1608-1658);
- Thomas Totney (1608-1659);
- Gerrard Winstanley (c.1609-55);
- Benjamin Whichcote (1609-83);
- Ludowicke Muggleton (1609-98);
- Brother Lawrence (c. 1610-1691);
- Richard Cranshaw (c.1612-49);
- **Antoine Arnauld** (1612-94);
- Jeremy Taylor (1613-67);
- Henry More (1614-87);
- Isaac Penington (1616-79);
- Antoinette Bourignon (1616-80);
- Ralph Cudworth (1617-88);
- John Smith (1618-52);
- Thomas Vaughan (1621-1666) aka Eugenius Philalethes;
- Henry Vaughan (1622-1695);
- Blaise Pascal (1623-1662);
- Jane Leade (1624-1704);
- **Angelus Silesius** (1624-77) aka Johann Scheffler;
- **George Fox** (1624-1691);

17th Century (continued)

- Jacques-Benigne Bossuet (1627-1704);
- Miguel de Molinos (1628-1697);
- Thomas Bromley (1629-1691);
- Sarah Wight (1632-?);
- Philipp Jakob Spener (1635-1705);
- Thomas Traherne (c.1636-74);
- Johann George Gichtel (1638-1710);
- Francois La Combe (1643-1712);
- Johann Jacob Zimmermann (1644–1693);
- Pierre Poiret (1646-1719);
- Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-80);
- Madame Guyon (1648-1717) aka Jeanne Marie Bouvier de la Motte Guyon;
- Johann Wilhelm Petersen (1649-1727);
- François Fénelon (1651-1715);
- Georg von Welling (1652-1727);
- Gottfried Arnold (1666-1714);
- **Johannes Kelpius** (1673-1708);
- Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort (1673-1716);
- Jean Pierre de Caussade (1675-1751);
- Kimpa Vita (1684 – 1706), aka Dona Beatriz;
- John Heylyn (1685-1759);
- William Law (1686-1761);
- **Emanuel Swedenborg** (1688-1772);
- Christoph Schütz (1689-1750);
- **Conrad Beissel** (1691-1768);
- Alphonsus Maria de'Ligouri (1696-1787);
- Gerhard Tersteegen (1697-1769);
- Collegiants (17th c) aka Dutch Remonstrants;
- Marguerite Acarie (17th c);
- Pierre Guerin (17th c);
- Joseph Salmon (17th c);
- Malaval (17th c);

Books and DVDs on America



- *The Secret Founding of America: The Real Story of Freemasons, Puritans and the Battle for the New World* by Nicholas Hagger (not a Mason)
 - “Nicholas Hagger argues that the new nation, conceived in liberty, was the Freemasons’ first step towards a new world order. He charts the connections between secret societies and libertarian ideals, explains how the influence of German Illuminati worked on the framers of the new republic, and shows the hand of Freemasonry at work at every turning point in America’s history—from the Civil War to the Cold War to today’s global struggles for democracy”
- *Solomon's Builders: Freemasons, Founding Fathers and the Secrets of Washington D.C.*, Ulysses Press by Christopher Hodapp (a 32^o Mason)

DVDs

- Secret Mysteries of America’s Beginnings Volume One – The New Atlantis
- Secret Mysteries of America’s Beginnings Volume Two – Riddles In Stone: Secret Architecture of Washington, D.C.
 - Why was this nation founded?
 - How was the precise location of Washington, D.C., on the 77th Meridian, determined?
 - Zeroes in on the Masonic & Rosicrucian influence so
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 - Does this occult "wisdom" represent the interests of America, or a hidden agenda?

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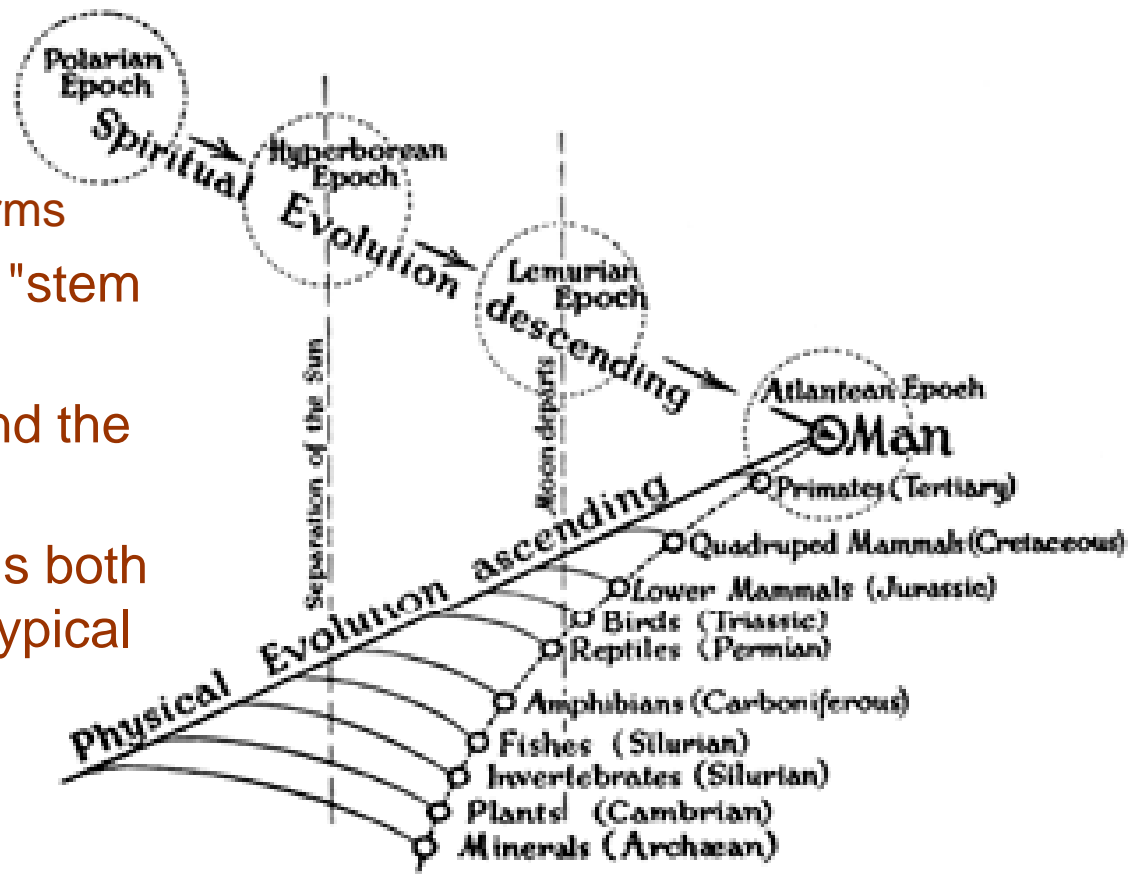


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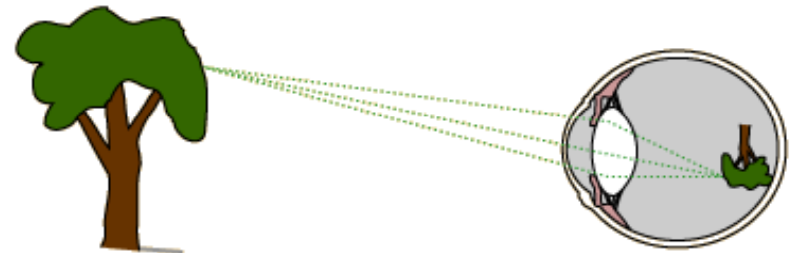
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- The human being is the "stem cell" of earthly evolution
- The first shall be last, and the last shall be first
- The descending "I Am" is both the germinal and archetypal human soul and the descending Christ



Creating the New Mysteries, New Yoga



- Reconnect macrocosm & microcosm
 - The Stars Once Spoke to Man (poem)
- Old yoga: breathing to connect outer with inner
 - 4 heart beats per breathe, 72:18 per minute, 25920 breathes per day – compare to time for sun to travel zodiac
 - Cosmic day = 25920 years. Cosmic hour = 1080 years.
- New yoga: breathing of the senses to connect inner with outer
 - 30 images (breathes) per second
 - After image (with complementary color) gradually fades away
 - We breathe in the image and exhale it
 - Each sense organ similar



Philip and the Mongols



1289: Letter from Mongol King Arghun to Philip

"Under the power of the eternal sky, the message of the great king, Arghun, to the king of France..., said: I have accepted the word that you forwarded by the messengers under Saymer Sagura ([Bar Sauma](#)), saying that if the warriors of Il Khaan invade Egypt you would support them. We would also lend our support by going there at the end of the Tiger year's winter [1290], worshiping the sky, and settle in Damascus in the early spring [1291]. If you send your warriors as promised and conquer Egypt, worshiping the sky, then I shall give you Jerusalem. If any of our warriors arrive later than arranged, all will be futile and no one will benefit."

- Not till 1298 does Philip agrees to military collaboration with the Mongols through the Knights Templar and their leader Jacques de Molay against the Mamluks
- In 1300, Jacques de Molay made his order commit raids along the Egyptian and Syrian coasts to weaken the enemy's supply lines
- In 1302, Templars are defeated at island Ruad
- 1305, new Mongol ruler Oljeitu sent letters to Philip, the Pope, and Edward I of England again offering military collaboration but now Philip's focus is on the Templars' treasury

